

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9001–S9051

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3333–3348, and S. Res. 473–476. **Page S9046**

Measures Reported:

S. 1425, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns. **Page S9045**

Measures Passed:

COVID–19 Vaccine Mandate Congressional Review Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “COVID–19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard”, and the joint resolution was then passed by a roll call vote of 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 489), after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S9007–08, S9034**

CREW Act: Senate passed S. 2293, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9040**

No CORRUPTION Act: Senate passed S. 693, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses. **Pages S9040–41**

Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2796, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive

Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9041**

Schumer (for Ossoff/Grassley) Amendment No. 4879, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9041**

National Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, designating December 18, 2021, as “National Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S9041–42**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S9039**

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill. **Page S9039**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 4880 (to the House amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4881 (to Amendment No. 4880), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 4882, to add an effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4883 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4882) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4884 (to Amendment No. 4883), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Page S9039**

Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 9, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, that it be as if invoked at 1 a.m., on Thursday, December 9, 2021; and that all time in adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture. **Page S9051**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 486), Rachael S. Rollins, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 485), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9008**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 488), Michael D. Smith, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service. **Pages S9014–34**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 487), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9014–15**

Jennifer Clyburn Reed, of South Carolina, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. **Page S9040**

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S9040**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S9050–51**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—489) **Pages S9008, S9014–15, S9034**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday,

December 9, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9051.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Bradley Sherman, of Texas, to be Chief Information Officer, Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and 1,772 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral Christopher W. Grady, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting kids online, focusing on Instagram and reforms for young users, after receiving testimony from Adam Mosseri, Meta Platforms Inc., Menlo Park, California.

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, after receiving testimony from Senators Heinrich and Blunt; Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Conservation Director, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Daniel M. Ashe, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Silver Spring, Maryland; Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Merrifield, Virginia; and Jonathan Wood, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maria Louise Lago, of

New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

TAIWAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States policy on Taiwan, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs.

ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine addressing violence in Native communities through VAWA Title IX special jurisdiction, after receiving testimony from Allison L. Randall, Principal Deputy Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior;

J. Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; Fawn R. Sharp, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Stacie Fourstar, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Poplar, Montana; Elizabeth A. Reese, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and Michelle Demmert, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, Fairbanks.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kurt D. DelBene, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Murray, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 6172–6201; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 843–845, were introduced. **Pages H7554–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7556–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3537, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–207);

H.R. 5561, to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–208);

H.R. 5551, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–209);

H.R. 5487, to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–210);

H.R. 4555, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase oral health literacy and awareness (H. Rept. 117–211);

H.R. 1193, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, shall establish a program under which the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall support or conduct research on valvular heart disease, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–212);

H.R. 1667, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–213); and

H.R. 3320, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to authorize assistance for increasing workforce diversity in the professions of physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–214).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7465**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Responsible Education Mitigating Options and Technical Extensions Act: H.R. 5545, amended, to extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic; **Pages H7468–70**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.”; **Page H7470**

NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act of 2021: H.R. 5746, amended, to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration; **Pages H7470–72**

Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021: H.R. 4996, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 406; **Pages H7472–79, H7528–29**

Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act of 2021: H.R. 4616, amended, to deem certain references to LIBOR as referring to a replacement benchmark rate upon the occurrence of certain events affecting LIBOR, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 407; **Pages H7479–86, H7529–30**

Extending authorization for livestock mandatory reporting: H.R. 5290, to extend authorization for livestock mandatory reporting, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 408; **Pages H7486–87, H7530**

Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021: H.R. 5609, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, to establish a cattle contract library, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 409; **Pages H7487–90, H7530–31**

National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act: H.R. 4489, amended, to amend the Act of June 20, 1958, to require that certain amounts collected by the United States with respect to lands under the administration of the Forest Service be invested into interest bearing obligations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 410; **Pages H7490–92, H7531–32**

Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act: H.R. 5608, to support research and state management efforts on chronic wasting disease, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 411; **Pages H7492–95, H7532–33**

Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act: H.R. 1155, amended, ensuring that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China do not enter the United States market, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 428 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 412; **Pages H7495–H7504, H7533**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the International Olympic Committee failed to adhere to its own human rights commitments H. Res. 837, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the International Olympic Committee failed to adhere to its own human rights commitments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 413; **Pages H7504–07, H7534**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Beijing should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai.”; **Page H7534**

Condemning the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity being committed against Uyghurs and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups by the People’s Republic of China: H. Res. 317, amended, condemning the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity being committed against Uyghurs and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups by the People’s Republic of China, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 414; **Pages H7507–09, H7534–35**

Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act: H.R. 3537, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 415; **Pages H7509–14, H7535–36**

Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education for Autumn Act of 2021: H.R. 5487, amended, to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 416; **Pages H7514–15, H7536**

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2021: H.R. 5561, amended, to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 417; **Pages H7515–16, H7537**

Improving the Health of Children Act: H.R. 5551, amended, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 418; **Pages H7516–18, H7537–38**

Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy Act: H.R. 1193, amended, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, shall establish a program under which the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall support or conduct research on valvular heart disease; **Pages H7518–22**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, to establish a program under which the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall support or conduct research on valvular heart disease, and for other purposes.”;

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Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: H.R. 1667, amended, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 419; **Pages H7522–25, H7538–39**

Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act of 2021: H.R. 4555, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase oral health literacy and awareness, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 369 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 420; and

Pages H7525–27, H7539

Amending title VI of the Social Security Act to extend the coverage of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to Tribal Governments: H.R. 5119, amended, to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to extend the coverage of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to Tribal Governments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 386 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 421.

Pages H7527–28, H7540

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, November 30th.

Opioid Prescription Verification Act of 2021: H.R. 2355, amended, to facilitate responsible, informed dispensing of controlled substances and other prescribed medications, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 422; **Pages H7540–41**

Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act: H.R. 2364, amended, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to provide for a public education campaign to raise public awareness of synthetic opioids, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 423; **Pages H7541–42**

Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act: H.R. 3743, to increase funding for the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration and for the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 374 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 424; and **Page H7542**

Collecting and Analyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance for Social Determinants Act of 2021: H.R. 3894, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue and disseminate guidance to States to clarify strategies to address social determinants of health under the Medicaid program and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 378 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 425. **Page H7543**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Wednesday, December 1st.

Agua Caliente Land Exchange Fee to Trust Confirmation Act: H.R. 897, amended, to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 426; **Pages H7543–44**

Indian Buffalo Management Act: H.R. 2074, amended, to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and for the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 373 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 427; **Pages H7544–45**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land.” **Page H7545**

Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act: H.R. 3531, amended, to authorize the Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 428; **Page H7545**

Blackwell School National Historic Site Act: H.R. 4706, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 417 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 429;

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Making technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and title 52, United States Code: H.R. 5677, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and title 52, United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 430;

Pages H7546–47

Making technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code: H.R. 5679, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 431;

Pages H7547–48

Making technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions which were formerly classified to chapters 14 and 19 of title 25, United States Code: H.R. 5695, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions which were formerly classified to chapters 14 and 19 of title 25, United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 415 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 432;

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Making technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions reclassified to title 34, United States Code: H.R. 5705, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions reclassified to title 34, United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 415 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 433;

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Making revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code: H.R. 5961, to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 413 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 434; and

Pages H7549–50

Making revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code: H.R. 5982, to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to im-

prove the United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 411 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 435.

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Providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the rotunda of the Capitol for the Honorable Robert Joseph Dole, a Senator from the State of Kansas: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 22, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the rotunda of the Capitol for the Honorable Robert Joseph Dole, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the Honorable Robert Joseph Dole, a Senator from the State of Kansas: The House agreed to take from the Speaker table and agree to S. Con. Res. 23, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the Honorable Robert Joseph Dole, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

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Senate Referral: S. 2629 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H7565–66.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirty yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7528–29, H7529–30, H7530, H7531, H7531–32, H7532–33, H7533, H7534, H7534–35, H7535–36, H7536, H7537, H7537–38, H7538–39, H7539, H7540, H7540–41, H7541–42, H7542, H7543, H7543–44, H7544–45, H7545, H7546, H7546–47, H7547–48, H7548, H7549, H7549–50, and H7950–51.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF USDA NUTRITION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations held a hearing entitled "Review of USDA Nutrition Distribution Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF BIOMEDICINE: TRANSLATING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INTO PERSONALIZED HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Future of Biomedicine: Translating Biomedical Research into Personalized Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGITAL ASSETS AND THE FUTURE OF FINANCE: UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS OF FINANCIAL INNOVATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Digital Assets and the Future of Finance: Understanding the Challenges and Benefits of Financial Innovation in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIOSECURITY FOR THE FUTURE: STRENGTHENING DETERRENCE AND DETECTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Biosecurity for the Future: Strengthening Deterrence and Detection”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3359, the “Homicide Victims’ Families’ Rights Act of 2021”; H.R. 4977, the “Better Cybercrime Metrics Act”; H.R. 55, the “Emmett Till Antilynching Act”; H.R. 5338, the “Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2021”; and H.R. 5796, the “Patents for Humanity Act of 2021”. H.R. 3359, H.R. 4977, H.R. 55, H.R. 5338, and H.R. 5796 were ordered reported, as amended.

FORFEITING OUR RIGHTS: THE URGENT NEED FOR CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Forfeiting our Rights: The Urgent Need for Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE REVITALIZATION AND REUSE OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Promoting Economic and

Community Redevelopment and Environmental Justice in the Revitalization and Reuse of Contaminated Properties”. Testimony was heard from Lucy Vinis, Mayor, Eugene, Oregon; and public witnesses.

REMOVING BARRIERS TO VETERAN HOME OWNERSHIP

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Removing Barriers to Veteran Home Ownership”. Testimony was heard from John Bell, Acting Executive Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE PANDORA PAPERS AND HIDDEN WEALTH

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Pandora Papers and Hidden Wealth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee Report on 25 proposed recommendations. The Committee Report on 25 proposed recommendations was adopted.

GROWING OUR ECONOMY BY INVESTING IN FAMILIES: HOW SUPPORTING FAMILY CAREGIVING EXPANDS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND BENEFITS ALL AMERICANS

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Growing our Economy by Investing in Families: How Supporting Family Caregiving Expands Economic Opportunity and Benefits All Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, to hold hearings to examine disrupting dangerous algorithms, focusing on addressing the harms of persuasive technology, 10:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to address PFAS contamination, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2614, to provide for the modernization of electronic case management systems, and the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Dawn N. Ison, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Holding Big Tech Accountable: Legislation to Build a Safer Internet”, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

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